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Amendment to Item #30:

More than one year ago, the Board appropriately focused on the needs of victims. Specifically, the Board requested a report from the District Attorney detailing the services available to victims as well as any gaps in services and recommendations on ways the county could enhance victim services. That report led to the increase in the number of victim service representatives as well as the establishment of a local victim restitution collection program.

Today’s action to transfer unclaimed restitution funds to the District Attorney will go a long way in serving the victims in our county, particularly in areas where the resources from the state fall short or are non-existent. One of the primary areas of need identified by our District Attorney’s Bureau of Victim Services and victim advocates is housing for victims. This is particularly true for families of homicide victims and domestic violence.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors request the District Attorney to work with the Chief Executive Office's Homeless Initiative Office, victim advocates in the community as well as all other relevant agencies and stakeholders, to identify the size and scope of housing needs for victims and provide recommendations to the Board in 30 days.

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